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PSL SWITCH TO SUMMER

The Philips League Council last weekend decided to switch to "summer soccer" from the end of 1981.

PSL chairman Frank Lowy announced that the new system would start in October 1981 with the season running to May 1982.

This is precisely in line with suggestions long advocated in "Soccer World."

Our recent survey also showed that a considerable majority of the soccer public is in favour of such a move.

"Our new playing season will cause minimal conflict with State League competitions," Frank Lowy said.

"This decision is expected to be supplemented by further announcements within the next 12 months of the introduction of a National Indoor Soccer League which will involve both Philips Soccer League and State League clubs.

"Such a competition will be played between July and September of each year.

"Those players who wish to pursue a full-time career in soccer will at last have the opportunity for professionalism."

Final ratification of the "summer plan" will have to wait until March.

A number of problem areas will need a thorough study: availability of grounds and floodlighting for TV could be the crucial points.

Most PSL clubs are strongly in favour of reversing the seasons — but they want to know if the

Footscray's brilliant Zdravko Lujic (left) tormenting Sydney City's Eddie Thomson in last Sunday's game.

"0" IS THE KEY TO TV

All the "leaks" have proved to be correct: Channel O, operating for the Special Broadcasting Service or "Ethnic TV," will be soccer's new godfather.

The decision was officially announced at Monday's Press conference in Sydney.

A weekly Australian show will be a one hour program, aired in a prime time slot.

It will comprise a composite of the following sorts of material:

About 20-30 minutes of Philips Soccer League highlights, State soccer, soccer news coverage and reportage from around the world.

Philips League "Goal of the Month" type segments, interviews with Philips Soccer League and Australian national and youth squad players, "Player of the Week" segments and general soccer footage from Australian national team endeavours will make up the hour.

It will be a complete program hosted by a yet to be appointed compere. It will be designed specifically to promote the awareness and involvement by the general public in Australian soccer, its players and its personalties.

A childrens' program will also be devised, shown in either weekends or prime time weekday spots, for half an hour a week.

Other program items will include:

The European Cup; a selection of matches from the European Cup each year.

European Cup-Winners' Cup; same principle.

Gold Cup 1981; held in December-January in Uruguay.

Overseas soccer; the network will also show from time to time major matches of either the respective national leagues or international matches from Brazil, Argentina, Italy and Yugoslavia.

Australian national team's international matches; the network will broadcast various matches played within Australia and on overseas trips by the Australian national team and the elimination matches between Australia and other teams as part of the qualifying rounds for the 1982 World Cup finals.

Was 21 a lucky number?

With the Philips League approaching its climax, tension is visibly increasing among players.

Last Sunday three players were sent off (Trenter, E. Campbell and Brennan) and an incredible 21 cautioned — 15 of them in the three Sydney matches.

Two rounds before the end, the PSL title is still a fairly open issue.

Sydney City, the favourites, will play in Adelaide on Sunday — and can't be too sure about the points. Neither can Heidelberg, facing a very combative Newcastle up North.

Marconi, meanwhile, hope to crush South Melbourne at home and move within a point of the summit.

Of course, things can work out differently, too: If Sydney City can win then, with only the hapless Saints to meet in the last round, they can start cooling the champagne.

St. George have been relegated for sure though they hope to be reinstated.

MARCONI READY TO SNUB CUP

Eddie Krncevic, Marconi.

Marconi will refuse to play the Philips Cup final on October 5 in Melbourne.

A club spokesman said this week that they would rather surrender the Cup than play the match as a double-header with the Dockerty Cup final.

Last Saturday the Philips League Council of Clubs made no clear ruling on the date and venue.

However, it was suggested that the two clubs come to some sort of an arrangement.

This they did, suggesting two matches: October 4 in Melbourne and October 8 in Sydney.

The rules of the Cup stipulate one match, not two.

On Tuesday morning, in the PSL offices, the auditor (?) of the ASF drew the venue out of a hat — Melbourne.

Neither club had a representative present.

As one of the many anomalies of our soccer, the Philips Cup is really run not by the PSL — but the ASF.

PSL chairman Frank Lowy has asked the ASF to "reconsider" the issue.

Jim Tansey, Heidelberg.

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

The 2nd Division finals were held last Sunday at Potts Park, the home ground of Nth Bankstown Soccer Club. The Bankstown Club presented the finals in a most professional manner. In 3rd grade Nth Bankstown played Gladesville-Hornsby. The match was virtually sealed within three minutes by a Nth Bankstown goal. Hornsby played some fine football and gave an exceptionally good team effort though failed to penetrate the Norths defense which held out. With only two of the Hornsby boys over 18, the majority of the team is looking forward to the 1981 season as 3rd graders. The 2nd grade final was between Lethbridge Rangers and Campbelltown City with another 1-0 result. The only goal came midway in the first half when a through ball from Neil Greenway to John Seeney saw a shot hit the 'keeper and rebound to Seeney who scored. The match was very even with Lethbridge failing to capitalise on many chances created through midfield. Campbelltown withstood a fierce final 10 minute attack by Rangers. Winger, David Bonney and defender, Neil Greenway, gave exceptionally good games for the City. The 1st grade final, between Nth Bankstown and Gladesville-Ravens saw the first 85 minutes a one way affair with Ravens dominating. Norths appeared to stand back and it wasn't until midway through the second half that Norths went into the attack. With numerous corners and shots, they were unable to break the 2-0 lead Ravens gained in the first half. The first goal came in the 20th minute when a corner from John Woodford resulted in an own goal for Ravens. Five minutes later, after a good move down the left wing, Mark Baldwin drove a 20-metre shot through the 'keeper's arms. President of the NSW Federation Karl Rodny was present throughout the day, presenting trophies. He congratulated the Nth Bankstown club on the day for the well organised finals and the 2nd division sub-committee on a fine year.

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The 2nd Division Sub-Committee will be holding their end-of-season social at the Auburn Soccer & Sports Club on Saturday, October 11. The Federation Executive Committee will be there and presentation of the premiership and Club Championship trophies, as well as the Championship trophies will take place. With enquiries, please phone John Major, 637 9840.

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West St. George's (5th div) reserve grade final against Macquarie Uni. was not an outstanding match. West St. George had many chances to score, but failed through poor finishing. Uni. looked good though on several breakways but they also failed to score. With a 0-0 full time scoreline, 20 minutes extra time was played but still no goals. So to penalties, which West St. George finally took out at 5-4 to receive the 5th Division reserve grade championship trophy.

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Nth Ryde (3rd div) won the first grade championship of the division, defeating the premiers, Liverpool Albions 3-2. Nth Ryde started on top and were quick to go one ahead in the 5th minute. An indirect freekick taken by Gary Salvesen gave the ball to Steve Jones. The ball was touched by a Liverpool defender before finally coming back to Steve Jones who slipped it past the goalkeeper. Bob McDougall made it 1-1 a few minutes later with a header. Just before the interval, Nth Ryde made it 2-1 when a header taken by Dave Bowman hit the back of the net after a cross by Gary Salvesen. Liverpool fought back and came very close to equalising at least twice before in the 70th minute, Steve Bowers received the ball just outside the penalty area and with good control he lobbed it beyond the reach of Nth Ryde's goalkeeper to make it 2-2. Nth Ryde scored the winner midway through the second half with a goal from Greg Spice, who came on as a replacement for Gary Salvesen. An attack at Liverpool's goal ended with the ball hitting the crossbar and rebounding back to Greg, who, with a first-time touch, scored. **In the 3rd division 2nd grade finals,** Bondi Marine finished winners for the second year running, defeating Liverpool Albions by 4-3. The fourth Bondi goal was from a penalty taken by Billy McDonald. The other three goals were a hat-trick by Brian Price.

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The 4th division first grade championship was won by Paddington Spanish over Eastern Creek. The only goal of the match was an own goal scored 20 minutes into the second half. The 2nd grade final, after extra time, was 1-1 with Eastern Creek winning on penalties over Padstow Park.

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The 5th division first grade championship final was held last Saturday at Arter[illegible] Rocks winger, Chris Woods was carried off with an ankle injury and was substituted by Mark West. The following move saw Nth Ryde awarded a penalty from which defender Graham Meech scored to take the lead 1-0. Winston Hills put some good football together but were unable to score until, from a corner, they made it 1-1. Hills then pressed all forward but goals eluded them. Five minutes from the end Ray Gorey chipped in a shot from 15 metres to score. In the final few minutes Winston Hills again poured everything up front looking for an equaliser but the Nth Rocks defence held firm to captain John Yaager to collect the 5th division first grade championship trophy.

BANDITS ON GOLD COAST?

PSL chairman Frank Lowy announced last weekend that the Council had voted in favour of adopting new club names with a broader public appeal.

"This decision will also include the introduction of new club logos, and playing strips to provide a completely new image for each of the member clubs within the League," he said.

Chances are that the clubs will be asked to come up with suggestions.

There is a refreshing trend to get away from the traditional "United" and "City" syndrome.

Of course, we don't have to imitate the Americans completely and have Strikers, Surfers and Rowdies; there is plenty of room for imaginative, bright and marketable new club names with Australian themes.

How about the Murray Marauders in Adelaide, Gold Coasters in Brisbane, Bondi Bandits in Sydney, the Hunters in Newcastle and others?

The Auburn Under-16 team with their NSW Federation trophy — from left, back row: D. Nelson, E. Kriss, V. Caplikas, S. Waugh, R. Slater, D. Hayes, S. Planicic, G. Galic, N. Wallace; front row: I. Maroya, E. Gruber, D. Smirthwaite, C. Jones, S. Spalding, M. Waugh and T. Ormrod.

RESULTS OF NSW FINALS

DIVISION 2

1st Grade

Nth Bankstown v Glad Ravens 0-2

2nd Grade

Lethbridge v Campbelltown 0-1

3rd Grade

Nth Bankstown v Glad Hornsby 1-0

DIVISION 3

1st Grade

Liverpool Albion v Nth Ryde 2-3

2nd Grade

Liverpool Albion v Bondi 3-4

1st Grade

Eastern Creek v Paddington 0-1

2nd Grade

Eastern Creek v Padstow 4-2

DIVISION 5

1st Grade

Winston Hills v Nth Rocks 1-2

2nd Grade

W. St. Geo. v Macquarie U. 5-4

DIVISION 6

1st Grade

Glenquarie v Chullora 0-0*

2nd Grade

Glenquarie v Moorebank 2-1

* After extra time and penalties

STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	20	2	3	44	14	42
Olympic	17	2	6	53	23	36
Auburn	14	6	5	39	24	34
Canterbury	12	5	8	36	33	29
Monaro	9	8	8	31	25	26
Nth. Sydney	10	5	10	38	33	25
Croatia	8	8	9	41	37	24
Avala	9	6	10	29	32	24
Sutherland	9	5	11	32	34	23
Arncliffe	8	6	11	40	46	22
Manly	6	5	14	28	39	17
Bankstown	8	1	16	32	47	17
Parramatta	6	4	15	23	61	16
Kuringai	5	5	15	26	45	15

GRADE 2

Kuringai	15	3	7	42	21	33
Sutherland	12	9	4	38	22	33
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Olympic	13	4	7	42	21	30
Melita	11	8	6	45	30	30
Auburn	12	5	8	29	24	29
Croatia	9	10	6	31	29	28
Bankstown	9	5	10	33	43	23
Parramatta	6	6	12	20	30	18
Manly	6	5	14	24	33	17
Nth. Sydney	5	6	14	17	43	16
Arncliffe	4	7	14	33	49	15
Monaro	2	5	16	15	46	9

GRADE 3

Auburn	18	5	—	48	8	41
Sutherland	14	6	3	48	15	34
Kuringai	12	6	5	47	24	30
Bankstown	11	8	4	47	26	30
Arncliffe	9	8	6	40	33	26
Melita	9	7	7	29	26	25
Olympic	10	4	9	25	25	24
Canterbury	7	8	9	39	36	22
Manly	9	3	11	31	33	21
Parramatta	7	6	10	26	41	20
Croatia	4	6	13	32	49	14
Nth. Sydney	2	4	17	14	48	8
Avala	1	3	18	14	73	5

STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Monaro v Avala	2-1	0-1	—
Melita v Olympic	3-1	1-1	0-0
Auburn v Sutherland	3-1	0-1	1-1
Croatia v Arncliffe	3-3	2-2	1-2
Manly v Kuringai	2-0	1-2	0-3
C'bury v Bankstown	3-2	2-1	0-6

DIVISION 1

Leichhardt v Bl'town C.	3-1	1-0	0-0
Revesby v Belmore	0-0	3-2	2-2
Bl'town Utd v Polonia	3-4	2-0	1-1
Wollongong v Penrith	3-0	1-2	2-3
St. George v Yugal	2-1	3-0	11-0
Marconi v Bathurst	0-2	6-3	—
Uni of NSW v Syd City	1-2	1-0	—
Wollongong v Syd City	3-0	4-0	1-1

Westfield

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Marconi	16	6	5	50	24	38
Polonia	14	7	6	55	36	35
St. George	14	6	7	63	35	34
Bathurst	14	6	7	43	33	34
Wollongong	13	8	6	47	22	34
Blackt. C.	11	11	5	53	36	33
Leichhardt	12	9	7	54	44	33
Revesby	11	9	7	42	44	31
Uni. NSW	10	7	10	45	35	27
Sydney City	10	6	11	42	43	26
Blackt. U.	7	7	13	26	44	21
Yugal	6	10	12	25	43	20
Belmore	6	7	14	26	49	19
Penrith	4	5	17	25	54	13
Warringah	1	6	20	16	66	8

GRADE 2

St. George	18	6	3	82	20	42
Sydney City	18	5	4	78	25	41
Leichhardt	17	4	7	49	25	38
Blackt. C.	15	5	7	57	38	35
Wollongong	14	6	7	61	39	34
Blackt. U.	14	4	7	39	23	32
Revesby	13	5	9	49	34	31
Marconi	11	3	14	35	49	25
Uni. NSW	10	5	11	39	39	25
Penrith	8	4	14	27	42	20
Polonia	6	7	12	36	51	19
Bathurst	5	5	17	24	59	15
Belmore	4	5	18	29	68	13
Yugal	2	5	19	20	61	9

GRADE 3

St. George	23	2	2	139	18	48
Sydney City	18	5	3	78	24	41
Blackt. C.	16	6	5	80	28	38
Belmore	17	4	5	46	22	38
Marconi	15	5	5	84	28	35
Leichhardt	12	9	5	39	23	33
Wollongong	13	3	11	59	48	29
Blackt. U.	11	5	10	43	45	27
Penrith	10	4	13	46	59	24
Revesby	8	8	11	47	66	24
Polonia	9	2	14	43	54	20
Yugal	4	3	18	25	99	11
Warringah	4	2	21	29	59	10
Uni. NSW	4	2	18	30	94	10
Bathurst	1	2	23	19	129	4

THIS WEEK

Saturday, September 20

State League
Grade 2:
Olympic v Monaro, Cromer, 11.30am

Division 1
Grade 3:
Marconi v Bathurst, Marconi, 11.40am
(Both posponed matches).

Division 3
Nth. Ryde v Liverpool Albions (Cawarra, 2.45pm)
Play off for promotion.

Division 6
Grade 1:
Glenquarrie v Chullora (Cawarra, 1pm)
Replay of last week's drawn final.

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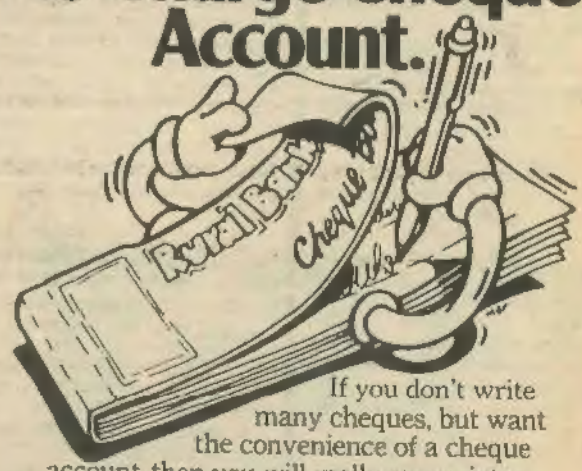

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FOCUS ON

• End or start of a career?

JOHN PERIN

This season could see the end of John Perin's 17-year career in soccer. One of the most polished and elegant players in the country, Adelaide City's brilliant midfielder-cum-libero is tipped to take over the team's coaching in 1981. Born in Treviso, Italy in 1947, John migrated with his family to Adelaide at the age of three; in 1969 he played for Australia in a World Cup elimination match in South Korea.

SW: How long have you been with Adelaide City?

JP: Always . . . I started with the club as a junior when it was called Juventus and played my first senior game at 17. I think I've played about 650 matches for the club.

SW: And for Australia?

JP: Oh, 13 times, I think, plus 49 times for the State team.

SW: Family?

JP: Yes, wife Mary and two children, Jamie, 6 and Emily, 4. I work as a salesman for a timberyard.

SW: Any particular influences on your game while you were young?

JP: I wasn't too ambitious to worry about outside influences. Later, perhaps I'd mention Tom Forde and Mario Corti.

SW: You played soccer in your school?

JP: Whenever I was allowed. Actually, in 1962 I was almost expelled from the Christian Brothers College because of soccer. At times, I used to play Aussie Rules on week days so the brothers picked me for a Saturday match. But I was about to play soccer so I never turned up for them. If it weren't for my father's intervention and some publicity in a newspaper, I would have been a goner.

SW: A lot of people in the club would like you to take over the coaching of Adelaide City next season, how do you feel about it?

JP: I would be delighted but I haven't been officially approached. It's a very big step and I have had little experience in this field. But I think I'd try if I was asked.

SW: What's your coaching background?

JP: Very modest; some junior teams and a few coaching clinics. I've passed my preliminary coaching exam and later this month I'll sit for a senior badge.

SW: Some critics claim that Adelaide City played better soccer in 1977 under Kreft.

JP: When he was in charge, he encouraged inventive football. The PSL was new then and we appeared to be playing our own brand which many people liked. Rasic also plays inventive football but adds pressure and mobility to it. I honestly doubt if our 1977 style would work today.

SW: It seems clear that Adelaide City is badly in need of a top striker; do you agree?

JP: Rale Rasic will leave behind the basis for a very good team and perhaps the club can find a regular scorer during the off-season.

SW: What about home-grown talent in the club?

JP: We have quite a few. Sergio Melta, for one, is certain to play for Australia within the next two years, if he keeps improving.

SW: Can you see yourself being a player-coach next season?

JP: No. I'm a strictly one-job man. I will either play or I will coach, depending on the club. But whatever I'll do, I will never leave Adelaide City; I will stay here for good as a player, a coach or just an ordinary supporter.

— Vic Migliaccio

John Perin

Adelaide City coach, Rale Rasic: "It looks as though West Adelaide will never manage to beat us. Our players were under strict instructions on how to play against the wind in the first half and they did the job perfectly."

★ ★ ★

Alan Vest, Newcastle: "We knocked the ball around today and everything we planned seemed to come off. I was quite happy with the lads and am looking forward to next year."

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RUDI TO PORTUGAL OR ENGLAND

Rudi Gutendorf is likely to coach in Europe again, once his Australian contract is over.

He admits having received a "nice offer" from the famous Portuguese club, Benfica of Lisbon, presently coached by the veteran Hungarian Lajos Baroti.

But Gutendorf really dreams of England.

"Before I retire from coaching, I would like to coach an English First Division team," he says.

"It doesn't worry me a bit that they have had no foreign coaches there yet.

"I was the first German coach in South America, the first in the USA and Africa, too.

"Why couldn't I become the first in England?

"I believe English soccer needs some new influences from the Continent and could learn a thing or two from Germans."

CANBERRA CITY

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE AUSTRALIA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Newcastle U.	v	Heidelberg	Int. Sports Centre	2.30

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Marconi-F'Fldv		Sth. Melb.	Marconi Stadium	3pm
St. George	v	West Adel.	Barton Stadium	3pm
Adel. City	v	Sydney City	Ol. Sports Field	2.30
Footscray	v	Bl'town City	Western Oval	3.00
Canberra City	v	Leichhardt	BRuce Stadium	3.00
Bris. Lions	v	Bris. City	Lions Stadium	3.00

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Heidelberg	v	Brisb. Lions	Olympic P.	3pm
Sth. Melb	v	N'castle KB	Middle park	3pm
West Adel.	v	M'coni-F'fld	Hindmarsh S.	2.30
Sydney C.	v	St. George	Syd. Ath. Fld.	3pm
Blacktown C.	v	Adel. City	Gabbie Stad.	3pm
Leichhardt	v	Footscray	Lambert Park	3pm
Bris. City	v	Canberra C.	Perry Park	3pm

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	AGGREGATE P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	P	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) SYDNEY CITY	24	15	5	4	47	24	+23	35	12	8	3	1	28	10	19	12	7	2	3	19	12	16
2 (2) HEIDELBERG	24	14	6	4	53	30	+23	34	12	8	3	1	34	14	19	12	6	3	3	19	16	15
3 (3) MARCONI	24	13	6	5	51	28	+23	32	12	8	3	1	32	11	19	12	5	3	4	19	17	13
4 (4) STH. MELBOURNE	24	14	4	6	38	20	+18	32	12	8	3	1	25	10	19	12	6	1	5	13	10	13
5 (5) NEWCASTLE	24	11	5	8	29	30	− 1	27	12	6	3	3	11	11	15	12	5	2	5	18	19	12
6 (6) ADELAIDE CITY	24	11	4	9	37	26	+11	26	12	6	3	3	19	10	15	12	5	1	6	18	16	11
7 (7) BRISBANE LIONS	24	6	11	7	27	31	− 4	23	12	4	4	4	12	13	12	12	2	7	3	15	18	11
8 (9) LEICHHARDT	24	8	5	11	25	33	− 8	21	12	6	4	2	15	14	16	12	2	1	9	10	19	5
9(11) BLACKTOWN	24	9	3	12	33	50	−17	21	12	7	2	3	24	14	16	12	2	1	9	9	36	5
10(10) FOOTSCRAY	24	6	8	10	29	41	−12	20	12	5	1	6	17	21	11	12	1	7	4	12	20	9
11 (8) CANBERRA	24	7	5	12	31	30	+ 1	19	12	3	3	6	15	17	9	12	4	2	6	16	13	10
12(12) BRISBANE CITY	24	4	9	11	28	34	− 6	17	12	4	3	5	17	12	11	12	—	6	6	11	22	6
13(13) WEST ADELAIDE	24	7	3	14	23	42	−19	17	12	6	2	4	12	14	14	12	1	1	10	11	28	3
14(14) ST. GEORGE	24	4	4	16	28	60	−32	12	12	2	2	8	14	31	6	12	2	2	8	14	29	6

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SYDNEY CITY 2 (1)
FOOTSCRAY 2 (0)

Goals: 1-0 Trenter (17m), 1-1 Lujic (60m), 1-2 Lujic (88m), 2-2 Spanos (95m).

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 3, Souness 2, Thomson 3, Spanos 3, Bruce 3, Watson 4, Barnes 3, Stevenson 3, Silva 2 (Mullen 78m), Boden 2, Trenter 2. **Coach:** E. Thomson.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 3, Illioski 3, O'Reilly 3, Kondarios 4, Hazabent 3, Kyriakouleas 3, Jovanovic 3, Vasic 3, Rujevic 3 (Petrou 75m), Belic 3, Lujic 5. **Coach:** J. Kriaris.

Referee: D. Rennie (NSW); **crowd:** 1500; **sent off:** Trenter; **cautions:** Silva, Trenter, Hazabent, Kondarios, Kyriakouleas, Jovanovic.

This game had just about everything — even occasional flashes of soccer, chiefly provided by that brilliant Footscray winger Lujic. Alas, good soccer was in the shortest supply of all commodities.

The depleted Slickers could have had a comfortable 2-0 lead at halftime had Barnes poked the ball in in the 37th minute, earlier, sliding into a sharp cross by Watson.

Most of the first half was devoted to fouls, injury treatments and refereeing cautions with Sydney City quietly controlling events without ever reaching their usual high standards.

Footscray, clearly having one of their more composed days, began to push the ball around in the second half and, in the 54th minute, a pinpoint Lujic cross should have been headed home by Illioski but he missed.

Six minutes later Lujic decided to do it alone: he gave the hapless Souness the slip, raced almost to the byline and from an "impossible" angle sent a low shot to the far corner.

Trenter could have grabbed the lead yet again but, in the 79th minute, his header from a Stevenson freekick went inches wide.

Then came the fun and games. Having been cautioned earlier, Trenter hit goalie Boland in the face and was sent off.

Footscray looked happy with the point with the exception of Lujic.

He made a long, tricky run, squeezed through between Thomson and Souness and fired home a low shot to make it 1-2.

Stunned, the Slickers, even in their weakened state, threw everything at Footscray — and providence listened to their pleadings.

In the 95th minute — extra time was added because of stoppages for injuries, cautions and the Trenter-tumult — Watson sent in from the right a fairly innocent-looking cross, the ball eluded half a dozen defenders, hit the far post and rolled in front of Spanos who swept it in.

— Andrew Dettre

2

WEST ADELAIDE 0 (0)
ADELAIDE CITY 2 (0)

Goals: 0-1 Muniz (51m), 0-2 Barnes (79m).

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 5, Maricic 4, Bozanic 4 (Topaz (82m), McGachey 3, Forde 3, **Tymczyszyn** 5, Norris 4, Manecas 4, Kosmina 4, Honeyman 3, McGregor 3. **Coach:** B. Birch.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 5, Dods 4, Jones 4, Russell 4, B. Nyskohus 4, Perin 4, **Muniz** 5, Northcote 4, J. Nyskohus 4, **Melta** 5, Barnes 4. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

Referee: C. Bambridge (Vic); **crowd:** 5638; **caution:** McGachey.

Just when it seemed Westad would emerge from the relegation ruck, their arch-protagonists Adelaide City slugged them with this killer-punch.

Westad went into this eagerly awaited local derby as favourites because of their recent good form and because Adelaide City were expected to be suffering a Philips Cup hang-over following their gruelling extra-time semi-final four days [illegible] favoritism was too heavy a burden for Westad to carry, but whatever the reason, City continued the dominance which has seen them win five, draw two and lose only one league game to Westad since the PSL started in 1977.

The game failed to reach the dizzy heights of previous City-Westad clashes due to a gale-force wind which howled mercilessly straight down the pitch for the entire 90 minutes.

But, whereas Westad failed to capitalise when they had first use of the wind, City made every post a winner when they turned around in the second half.

The conditions were such that it is surprising that the goalkeepers, Martyn Crook (Westad) and Peter Marshall (City) did not figure in the goalscoring.

As it was, Agenor Muniz took only six minutes of the second half to achieve what Westad could not in the first 45 minutes, when he tapped the ball home from close range after David Jones had nodded it across the goalmouth.

The goal signalled a succession of City raids as Brian Northcote speared a drive wide of the far post and Muniz floated an angled free kick slightly off target.

The hard-working Northcote again sneaked through Westad's defensive net to gather an accurate pass from Sergio Melta, but struck his shot too high.

Westad's hopes of salvaging a much needed point faded into oblivion four minutes later when defender Tom Forde pushed a weak, attempted pass-back into the path of Colin Barnes who was untroubled to score City's second goal.

— Allan Crisp

3

LEICHHARDT 2 (0)
BRISBANE CITY 1 (1)

Goals: 0-1 Kelso (42m), 1-1 Pirie (67m), 2-1 Pirie (77m).

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 4, Skellern 3, Pullen 3, Wilson 3, Dempsey (Morsello 31m, 4), Butler 4, McAusland 3, Pirie 3, O'Connor 3, Coyne 2, Harding 2. **Coach:** W. Wallace.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 3, Potter 3, Ratcliffe 3, Perry 3, Tripp 3, Caldwell 4, Kelso 3, Conner 3, Wilkinson 3, Hamilton 3 (Low 86m), Vincenzino 3. **Coach:** G. Potter.

Referee: J. Reeves; **crowd:** 2150; **cautions:** Coyne, Ratcliffe, Hamilton.

Leichhardt looked a disorganised, unimaginative side in the first half and even lacked their usual fire.

All the ideas came from Brisbane and in the first half hour they had five clear scoring chances.

Harding and Coyne were both slow in midfield, while Pirie was [illegible] first flare up resulted in Coyne receiving a caution: from where I was sitting several other players were lucky not to receive cards.

The result was that Leichhardt were fired up.

But it was Brisbane who, not unexpectedly, took the lead.

A neat corner fired to the near post by Caldwell was nodded away by Kelso who just had to hop to meet the cross.

Two minutes after the break Woodhouse made one of those saves which confirms him as the best 'keeper in the land.

A loping header from Ratcliffe was curling inside the far post when with most fans sighing "That's it", Woodhouse flung himself backwards and flipped it over the bar.

City tried to slow the pace of the match down, and although they still dominated in midfield, they lacked the penetration upfront.

Morsello, a surprising and controversial early replacement for Dempsey — who argued with coach Wallace after being replaced — gradually became more dominant for Leichhardt and he and Butler worked several nice moves along the right flank.

In the 67th minute it produced the equaliser, with Butler freeing Morsello who crossed for Pirie to apply the finishing touch for a neat goal.

Ten minutes later, Brisbane's defence failed to properly clear the ball and Morsello hoisted it back into the box where Pirie was standing unmarked.

He silenced his vocal critics by placing the ball wide of Coe and gave Leichhardt two vital, if lucky points.

— Paul James

4

BLACKTOWN C. 1 (0)
CANBERRA C. 0

Goal: 1-0 Hunter (88m).

BLACKTOWN: James 4, Harris 4, Stowell 4, Selvage 4, Pointer 4, Hormazabal 4, O'Donnell 3, Pollard 3, Wilkinson 3, Izatt 4, Hunter 4. **Coach:** M. Jones.

CANBERRA CITY: Wilson 4, Moulis 4, **Stark** 5, Milovanovic 4, Williams 4, Cole 4, Farrell 3, J. O'Shea 4, Valeri 4, Byrne 3, Brennan 1. **Coach:** J. Brown.

Referee: R. Lorenc; **crowd:** 2500; **cautions:** Williams, Stark, Hormazabal, Izatt, Moulis; **sent off:** Brennan.

Both coaches conceeded they would have been happy with a draw and this explains the "safety-first," negative tactics adopted by the teams.

Cramped for room, with tight marking the order of the day as well as plenty of body contact, both sets of strikers had little chance to [illegible]

Stark, Milovanovic and Moulis made a firm Canberra back line, tying up loose play and moving hard and fast into the tackle.

Blacktown's Hunter was the most dangerous forward on show but he didn't have it all his own way with Williams proving a determined and tenacious opponent.

With neither team willing to take risks, the tackling proved fierce in defence whenever an opening appeared.

As a result the referee was forced to send Brennan off after only nine minutes as well as handing out five cautions.

Even with a one man advantage Blacktown weren't prepared to open up, building their strategy on strong backline work with the midfield adopting a very defensive role and moving forward only on breaks.

The game gradually got bogged down in midfield and any attacks launched usually were surprise thrusts.

Hunter scored the decisive goal in the 88th minute after a fine team move.

He sped through onto O'Donnell's through ball, ran 30 metres and crossed to Wilkinson.

The striker returned the ball and Hunter smacked it home from an acute angle.

This win gave Blacktown complete safety from further relegation worries — a great achievement by a team almost unanimously tipped for the wooden-spoon in March.

As for Canberra, they struggled and tried but without the silky smoothness of their team of a few months ago.

— Andy Henderson

5

STH. MELB. 2 (2)
ST. GEORGE 1 (0)

Goals: 1-0 Kakantonis (18m), 2-0 Wright (36m), 2-1 Cotton (79m).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 3, Kalafatides 4, Blair 4, Xanthopoulos 3, Bannon 4, **Wright** 5, Rogers 3, Cummings 3, Evans 4, Kakantonis 3, Buljevic 3. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 3, Terry 3, Hadley 3, Russell 3, McIntosh 3, Katholos 4, Stone 4, Davies 4, Griffith 3 (Kay 66m), Campbell 3, Cotton 4. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

Referee: Kerr (SA); **crowd:** 2000; **cautions:** Cotton; **sent off:** Campbell.

What should have been a formality for South Melbourne turned out to be a very near thing and St George will probably still be disputing a linesman's decision to flag offside what appeared to be a perfectly good goal by Roy Cotton in the 82nd minute.

South Melbourne started the game without three regulars in Bertie Lutton (serving a two-game George Christopouls and George Campbell (both out injured) but was the superior side from the kick off.

The forward line featuring the fleetfooted Steve Kakantonis, weaved its way through the Saints defence like water through a sieve.

Cummings and Kakantonis both had shots saved in the opening minutes before Kakantonis opened the score in the 18th minute rising above the defence to head home Sammy Wright's corner kick.

Chris Kalafatides, turned out of a tight situation intelligently on the half hour mark to present Branko Buljevic with a great chance but the latter's shot was wide of the far post.

The second goal wasn't long coming for six minutes later Wright split the defence with a through ball which Duncan Cummings ran onto, drew the 'keeper and aimed his shot at the far post.

The ball would have gone in anyway but Wright who had followed the play with Kakantonis lunged at the ball to push it over the line.

The situation looked even more bleak for the Saints in the 69th minute when Ernie Campbell exchanged words with the referee and was promptly ordered off the park presumably for dissent.

But instead of packing it in the Saints started to threaten with Peter Katholos hitting the post with one shot and having another blocked before they reduced the arrears.

Kay made the goal with his right wing cross, Blair slipped at the crucial moment and Roy Cotton was able to head home unhindered.

— Peter Desira

6

HEIDELBERG 3 (3)
MARCONI 3 (3)

Goals: 0-1 Krncevic (7m), 1-1 Bozikas (18m), 1-2 Jankovics (23m), 1-3 Jankovics (30m), 2-3 Yzendoorn (35m), 3-3 Paton (44m).

HEIDELBERG: Oiver 4, McMillan 4, **Tansey** 5, **Yzendoorn** 5, P. Bannon 4, Rooney 4, **Selemidis** 5, Campbell 3, **Paton** 5, Cole 3, Bozikas 4. **Coach:** L. McKendry.

MARCONI: Maher 4, Brogan 4, **Cant** 5, **Henderson** 5, Muir 4, Prskalo 4, Byrne 3, **Raskopoulos** 5, Krncevic 4, Sharne 3, **Jankovics** 5. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

Referee: D. Campbell (S.A.); **crowd:** 5553; **cautions:** Cant, Henderson, Muir, Prskalo.

The early exchanges were in favour of the Sydneysiders, who were benefiting from a strong northerly wind.

The first goal, when it came, had all the marks of an offside pass by Jankovics to Krncevic but the linesman gave the all clear at the 7th minute.

Tansey passed neatly to Rooney, who beat two [illegible] for his shot, Maher palming the ball away for Bozikas to score easily, after 18 minutes.

Jankovics was a thorn in the side for Heidelberg, and he really earned Marconi's second goal with a header five minutes later.

Sharne, Krncevic and Jankovics combined well for a fine spell of interpassing before Jankovics scored again on the half hour.

Heidelberg took the challenge, and worked the ball via Rooney to Paton, who tested Maher with a hot one.

Selemidis was proving a difficult man to pin down and forced a corner for himself at the 35th minute.

Prskalo cleared, only to see Yzendoorn slash a strong ground shot into the net.

Despite the gale force winds, Marconi were being hemmed in their own half with Heidelberg demonstrating tenacity and courage, which got its just reward in a goalmouth scramble, Paton slotting home just on half-time.

Raskopoulos proved to be one of Marconi's hardest workers, and his fine shot on the hour brought out Oiver's best for a corner.

This was really a "Five Star" game, with all the qualities to increase the crowds in future.

Referee Don Campbell of Adelaide was giving full rein to the man with the ball, and this was improving the standard in skill shown.

First Raskopoulos, then Bozikas and Rooney all had shots inside 10 minutes which can be termed tough ones.

Raskopoulos gave his all with a shot which brought Oiver to his knees.

— Jock Stephen

7

LIONS 1 (0)
NEWCASTLE U. 4 (2)

Goals: 0-1 Tredinnick (33m), 0-2 McClelland (44m), 0-3 Heys (54m), 1-3 Ontong (64m), 1-4 Heys (85m).

LIONS: Lowndes 2, Ontong 3, Hermiston 3, Bennett 3, Niven 2, Hogg 2, Wilson 2, Verweij 2 (Burns 46m), McNaughton 2, Wright 3, Millman 2. **Coach:** M. Carson.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 3, Reaney 3, Bertogna 4, Drinkwater 3, Curran 3, Mason 3, McLelland 3 (Kamasz 73m), P. Tredinnick 4 (H. Tredinnick 87m), Heys 4, Burrows 3, Jones 4. **Coach:** A. Vest.

Referee: P. Rampley (NSW); **crowd:** 2367.

This was a game the Lion's players will want to forget for all it did was to show up the shortcomings in this squad and how it has been dependent all year on the old stalwarts Hermiston and Bennett.

From the outset 'keeper Lowndes looked to be in trouble and his cross balls soon spread to the rest of the defenders who were under constant pressure from the hard working, aggressive Newcastle players.

When the home midfield collapsed after 30 minutes it quickly became apparent that Newcastle had the points sewn up.

Treddinick started the rout when he strode past Ontong and unleashed a cracking cross-cum-shot that beat the stranded Lowndes and went in off the post.

Twelve minutes later the Lion's defence stopped dead, an elementary error punished as it should be.

Lions made a change at the break bringing on another of their promising youngsters for Verweij, but in the resultant period of unsettlement Newcastle went further ahead when a low cross from the left was palmed out straight to Heys who rammed it home.

Lions' best period came now and young Wright hooked in a great shot only to see it rebound off the post but it came to Ontong who hammered it in.

The game "buzzed" for 20 minutes but then Lowndes crowned a sorry afternoon when he threw a ball straight to an opponent who quickly passed to Kamasz out on the right.

The sub put a perfect cross on to Heys' head and the game was all over.

Now in a very definite slump, Lions can be grateful for having enough points on the board not to worry about relegation.

However, on this display they cannot have too much hope for winning Sunday's prestige-laden local derby.

— Jim Binnie

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

— By Andrew Dettre

Top four still full of jitters

The penultimate round of the Philips League may — or may not — produce the 1980 champion.

Two of the top contenders, Sydney City and Heidelberg, play interstate and could suffer some jolts while Marconi, lurking dangerously in third place, will be at home.

Should the Slickers and the Bergers actually lose and Marconi or South Melbourne win, the race would be extended to a thrilling last round.

Sydney City face a very tough hurdle against Adelaide City and will have to improve vastly to clinch the points.

Last Sunday the Slickers gave a disjointed display and could have very easily suffered a loss.

A lot depends on the fitness of Mullen, Boden and O'Connor: without them the team's overall efficiency rating is sharply reduced.

Adelaide City will play their very last home match under Rale Rasic and, being a stickler for gestures, he will do everything he can to say his farewell with a win.

Adcity certainly have the class and the form to hold their own and only a quick return to its own gold standards can give the Slickers the points.

Our tip: 1-1

Heidelberg, having also staged a very narrow escape last Sunday in the closing stages, will have an equally formidable assignment in Newcastle.

Maybe the proximity of the PSL title — which would be the first for a Victorian club — has caused Heidelberg to be so hesitant in the last two weeks.

At their best, they can move fluently and in almost perfect synchronisation, with the intelligent build-up starting at the back.

Newcastle's four goals in Brisbane last Sunday must demand respect; it seems that the Novocastrians are determined to finish as high as possible on the table in order to rebuild their following for '81.

This could be a superb encounter and, being staged on Saturday, well worth the trip from Sydney, too.

Our tip: 2-2.

Marconi, meanwhile, prepare for a last-ditch defence of their title against South Melbourne.

Their fate is no longer in their own hands: only some faltering by the two leaders can keep their hopes alive.

For much of their match against Heidelberg Marconi were in command and can claim to have been unlucky not to win both points.

Mark Jankovics seems to be sharp again in the goalmouth and he will need to retain his touch against Sth. Melbourne.

The Victorians were rather unimpressive against the Saints and could have even lost.

Perhaps they attach little significance to their remaining two PSL games as the title is now almost certainly out of their reach but their place in the Top Four is secure.

Our tip: Marconi 3-1.

The most crucial match, from a relegation viewpoint, will be the local Brisbane derby.

Lions are safe — but Brisbane City are still in trouble and, with rumors about the Queensland Federation being interested in offering the PSL a composite alternative, must try to avoid finishing in 13th place.

Actually, Brisbane City aren't playing badly at all and it's all a bit of a mystery why they can't get points.

Last week, too, they should have wrapped up the game by halftime instead of losing to two second half goals.

Our hunch is that City will come good and gain two lifesaving points here.

Our tip: Brisbane City 2-1.

St. George, now doomed to finish last, have their chance to gain some self-respect by [illegible]

But even this won't be easy as Westad are in desperate need of points.

Westad have managed only one away win so far — but, on the other hand, the Saints have won only twice at home in 12 tries.

Our tip: 2-2 draw.

The Footscray v Blacktown City clash has little more than academic interest.

Blacktown are now completely safe — a brilliant triumph, really — while Footscray are pretty close to it.

Last week Footscray showed glimpses of soccer seldom seen from them — or from anybody else — this year: a lot of skill and polish.

It's a crying shame, really, that a team with so many very talented players, such as Hazabent, Illoski, Jovanovic, Vasic and, of course, the brilliant Lujic, should struggle from year to year.

Our tip: Footscray 2-1.

In Canberra, the locals, having slipped down near the bottom, will meet Leichhardt.

The postmortem in Canberra has already started trying to find out just what went wrong, once again, with this expensive outfit and what remedies will be needed for '81.

Of course, Canberra cannot be relegated even if they do slip to the 13th place.

Leichhardt, after some anxious weeks, have sailed to calm waters ensuring that next season they can start climbing towards their once formidable status.

Our tip: Canberra 1-0.

The Slickers' Spanos (left) and Souness in action against Footscray.

PSL '80 RESULT GRID

	Marcel	Heidelberg	Sydney City	Brisbane City	Adelaide City	Newcastle	West Adel.	Leichhardt	Brisb.Lions	Footscray	St.George	Canberra	Sth.Melb.	Blacktown
Marconi	★	1-1	2-0	4-0	2-1	4-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-0	3-2		9-0
Heidelberg	3-3	★	0-0	3-1	0-0	4-0	4-2	5-1		3-2	4-2	2-0	1-2	5-1
Sydney City	2-1	1-1	★	2-1	2-1	2-0	7-0	4-2	1-1	2-2		0-2	2-1	3-0
Brisbane City	2-1	7-0	1-0	★	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1		0-1	1-2
Adelaide City	0-1	1-0		0-0	★	1-3	1-0	2-0	0-0	4-1	6-1	1-1	0-1	3-2
Newcastle	0-1		0-3	1-1	3-1	★	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-4	1-0	1-0
West Adel.		1-0	0-2	1-0	0-2	1-1	★	0-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	2-0		4-2
Leichhardt	2-2	0-5	2-2	2-1	2-1	1-0	2-0	★	0-0		1-2	2-1	1-0	0-0
Brisb.Lions	0-0	1-2	2-0		1-2	1-4	2-1	2-1	★	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0
Footscray	0-4	0-2	1-2	1-1	1-3	2-1	0-3	1-0	3-1	★	5-3	0-1	3-0	
St.George	0-3	3-5	0-2	1-1	1-4	0-3		1-0	2-3	1-1	★	1-5	0-3	4-1
Canberra	0-1	0-1	2-3	1-1	1-0	1-2	4-3		2-4	0-0	4-1	★	0-0	0-1
Sth.Melb.	3-1	0-0	1-2	3-3	2-1		2-0	1-0	2-2	3-0	2-1	1-0	★	5-0
Blacktown	5-1	1-2	1-3	3-1		1-1	1-0	0-0	4-1	3-0	4-2	1-0	0-3	★

TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	21
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	15
PATON (Heidelberg)	14
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	13
BODEN (Sydney City)	11
J. NYSKOHUS (Ad. City)	11
BULJEVIC (Sth. Melb.)	10
O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)	10
BARNES (Sydney City)	9
WILKINSON (Blacktown)	9
KELSO (Brisb. City)	9

FROM THE PRESS BOX

In the beginning I was wondering why it's Rik Booth and not Rick; some form of affectation, maybe a Madison Avenue-style gimmick?

Then I began to hear stories about him and his ideas designed to change the face of Australian soccer; my natural suspicion grew. Change the face of what? Don't make me laugh, I thought. How deja vu can you get.

When I met him, he didn't correspond to his image: a stocky, softly-spoken man in his 30s, oozing with confidence, a convincing speaker and even more convincing listener.

He was, he said, in the process of accumulating information about Australian soccer, patiently putting together our zany jigsaw.

Then, last Saturday, I had the chance to see and listen to his presentation to the PSL clubs — quite an experience.

I don't think he said a single thing to the gathering that, in one form or another, wouldn't have been raised, dropped, mentioned and forgotten over the years.

But based on his rapidly acquired study of our soccer, Rik Booth created a comprehensive marketing approach to the game the like of which has never been done before in Australian sport.

Having been an invited observer only, I am not free to go into details; he will do it at the appropriate time. So this is merely a teaser.

Rik Booth's ASF Marketing Ltd., will — almost certainly — take over the marketing of the Philips League, too.

And when they do, Australian soccer's renaissance may begin.

Actually it's much more than a routine marketing operation though that really, is the essence.

It is an all-embracing total plan which, if carried out, may reshape the structure, organisation and image of Australian soccer completely within the next few years.

What Rik Booth didn't say and didn't even imply was that, with the adoption of his strategy, the present hierarchy of Australian Soccer will change dramatically.

Just like American pro soccer is now controlled by a brain trust in the NASL offices of New York, the nerve centre of Australian soccer will shift to Booth's North Sydney offices.

This has to be, for the plan to succeed; neither the ASF nor the PSL, let alone other organisations or clubs have the manpower, know-how or resources to streamline soccer the same way.

If Booth's strategy is to work, a lot of duly elected boards and committees within our soccer society will have to cooperate.

While the overall package will be prepared and launched by ASF Marketing, under the guardianship of Rik Booth and John Frank, it will need the support of the major clubs and State Federations to be fully implemented.

Will that be forthcoming?

Traditionally, all our organisations cherish their independence and freedom of movement; will they be prepared to accept an overall plan and toe the line?

I would certainly hope so. For one thing, soccer's hopeless fragmentation would be replaced by a centralised policy, something we never really had in the past.

The Booth plan is so elaborate, so ambitious and so far-reaching that it may take five years or more to be achieved.

In fact, it's unlikely that it can be fully implemented without some trimmings here and compromises there.

But what if it takes five years? Or ten? We have wasted a lot more than that in the past by failing to go about our business in what Booth calls a "cool, dispassionate" way.

It's one thing to love soccer; it's quite another to establish it as a major sport in Australia.

He can leave the loving to us as long as he accomplishes just half of what he has dreamt up for the game.

— ad

PAST RESULTS

	1977	1978	1979
Newcastle v Heidelberg	—	2-2	3-3
Marconi v Sth. Melbourne	3-0	1-1	6-0
St. George v West Adelaide	1-0	0-1	2-0
Adelaide City v Sydney City	1-2	0-1	1-1
Footscray v Blacktown	—	—	—
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• *CREATING MONSTERS OR JUST REPORTING THEM?*

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF PRESS?

Last Saturday, a delegation from the Sydney soccer Press was invited to attend the Philips League Council of Clubs meeting. The delegation consisted of Ted Simmons (AAP), Martin Royal (ABC) and Andrew Dettre (Soccer World). The following is the text of an address to the Council of Clubs by Andrew Dettre, reproduced here in the hope that the subject may also interest other soccer organisations and officials.

The function and responsibility of Press in a free society has been very extensively explored and argued over the years.

However, the role of the Press within the narrow framework of a particular sport, such as soccer, is a fairly grey area and it is here that I would like to make some observations.

Very often one can hear complaints about the Press being too critical; officials often claim that a story was unfavourable to soccer. What they usually mean is their person, club or association . .

Assuming that the story was factual and honestly presented, the Press has simply carried out its basic function of reporting.

The Press does not create controversies — it merely reports them or comments on them. Whether controversial issues emerge in parliament, in a merchant banking house or in sport, they are deemed to be of public interest and, as such, come under the attention of the Press.

If there are controversial issues in soccer — and we know there are — they invariably originate with associations, clubs or officials. Let me give a few examples.

The Philips League itself has never ceased to be a highly controversial topic because of its many ill-defined rules and regulations. By staging its annual pagan rites relating to promotion and relegation, the League generates passion and invites all sorts of Press comments.

The way to stop this is not by gagging the Press — but by introducing legislation which eliminates these issues.

Or take, for example, the recent establishment of a marketing organisation within the ASF, a progressive move on the surface. But the way it was done has created a lot of bitterness and cynical comment.

To this very day the Press has not been officially informed about the place of ASF marketing in soccer's infrastructure, there has been no helpful elaboration on how its executive director fits into the mosaic.

In fact, many pressmen have not even met him. Surely, with a little more foresight and better protocol, the ASF could have prevented a lot of the suspicion and misunderstanding which now exists in this area.

And one can go on and on, almost endlessly about issues which, like the whole sorry centenary year, the mishmash tour plans and the strangely unpublicised preparations for next year's Youth World Cup, offer themselves to severe Press criticism.

But let me emphasise once again: the Press doesn't create these controversial issues — it merely reports them.

And why shouldn't it, really? Take the daily newspapers of this country and you will not find one which has the proclaimed aim of improving soccer in Australia. Soccer, to them, is one of about 200 different subjects that they may report on daily.

If the game prospers and achieves some measure of success, you get a pat on the back; if it stagnates, through inefficiency or outright stupidity, it gets panned.

For the daily press the survival or prosperity of soccer is not a vital matter, so it's futile to seek their patronage or even sympathy.

The specialised soccer press is another matter entirely: this has a vested interest in the future of the game and any criticism it may offer is usually motivated by a sense of anguish over the course our game may take.

This is the same in Germany or England or Spain: there is not one country where the Press constantly sings the praise of soccer's officialdom. Of course, in some countries they have more to sing about than in others.

Coming a step closer to home, the Philips League itself has been getting a fair amount of flak lately. Once again, the Press has been blamed. But why?

High ranking officials come out with statements about the future — or lack of future — of the PSL, the Press reports this and the Press gets blamed. Does this make sense?

Or the relegation issue.

The rules are vague, the definitions hazy and, not unnaturally, the Press speculates on the outcome, often even ridiculing the situation.

Is it the fault of the Press — or of the administration which allows this situation to develop and continue?

If the game is held up to public ridicule, is it the work of the Press — or of the administration without whose occasional bungling there would be no adverse comments at all?

I would also like to make a brief detour and offer some remarks on the relationship between the Press and the various Philips League clubs.

This, of course, varies from club to club, pressman to pressman. Some PSL clubs have attained a very high level of proficiency in their administration and press relations — others have not.

A few clubs bend over backwards to facilitate the work of the Press and a few couldn't give two hoots.

But on the whole, very few have people on their staffs who understand the requirements of press, publicity and promotion and carry out this role satisfactorily. To me, this has always been one of the great puzzles.

Clubs, with an annual budget of $200,000 or even $300,000, willingly spend $30,000 on a couple of players, pay an assistant coach up to $200 a week, throw away thousands on meaningless trophies and pocket badges to juniors — but fail to engage the services of a competent press officer to handle this specialised field.

It's like buying a restaurant, furnishing it with expensive tables and chairs and a modern kitchen, engaging a top chef — but forgetting to hire some waiters.

The result is usually an unsatisfactory public relations image.

We still live in an age where clubs — and not just in the PSL; in fact the lower you go, the worse it becomes — regard the function of an assistant deputy coach as of more importance than a press officer, a position usually handed to the first volunteer whether he is suitable or not.

All major European clubs, not to mention those in the USA, have press departments, staffed by competent people whose function, basically, is to make that club look **better** than it actually is.

Here, on the other hand, the lack of proper press relations within the clubs often leads one to believe that our clubs are even **worse** than they appear.

At this very moment, neither the Australian Soccer Federation nor the Philips League, as such, have a press section, a press officer or public relations man. It's possible that of all FIFA countries, we are alone in this position.

If I sounded critical in this brief address, I meant it. Having been involved in journalism for over 30 years and having had something to do with Australian soccer Press since about 1960, I see no point in coming here and telling you anything but what I see to be the truth.

If soccer is really to go places, if its future is really close to your hearts and if your involvement in the game is more than a passing fancy, I would like to implore you to take my comments and advice in the same spirit of co-operation as they are given.

The Press is an integral part of sport, such as soccer; it can help you enormously but, depending on your own very actions and attitudes, it can also hinder you.

The Press does not create or originate but merely reflects images and visions. The Press is a mirror of public events; no more, no less.

And if these events and their reflections are not always flattering or favourable, the solution is surely not to smash the mirror but to get rid of the distortions.

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MARCONI PROMOTION

Marconi plan a unique promotion as curtain-raiser for its last home match of the season on Sunday against South Melbourne.

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The radio station will help in the promotion of the match — starting at 1.30 — by giving away hundreds of free tickets in the Blacktown-Fairfield-Parramatta district.

PHILIPS CUP

MARCONI v LIONS 1-0

Marconi started like world champions — then allowed the match to fizzle out.

In the second minute they got the goal that took them to the final: Cant made a long, penetrating run and his perfect pass was brilliantly converted by Krncevic.

However,the overture proved to be better than the aria: for the rest of the game Marconi merely plodded towards victory.

In fact, during the second half, Lions took the initiative and forced the 1979 champions to some desperate rearguard action.

On a few occasions Lions were unlucky not to grab the equaliser.

In the 78th minute Verwelj just missed with a great drive and three minutes later Alan Maher saved a pointblank shot by Ontong.

Gary Byrne, hero of Marconi only three days earlier, had to be replaced by Roberto Vieri in the 58th minute when he sustained a muscle injury.

Marconi: Maher, Brogan, Muir, Prskalo, Cant, Raskopoulos, Henderson, Byrne (Vieri 58m), Sharne, Krncevic, Jankovics.

LIONS: Lowndes, Ontong (Burns 70m), Hermiston, Bennett, Niven, Hogg, Wilson (Daunt 80m), Verwelj, McNaughton, Wright, Millman.

Goal: Krncevic (2nd m.); **referee:** J. Johnson (Tasm.); **crowd:** 1500.

— M. Renwick

HEIDELBERG v AD CITY 0-0

After extra time; Heidelberg won 3-1 on penalties. Penalty scorers: J. Nyskohus (AC), Cole, Paton, Yzendoorn.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan, Yzendoorn, Bannon, Tansey, Selemides (Williams 85m), Campbell, Rooney, Bozikas, Cole, Paton.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall, Perin, Dodds, Jones, Russell, B. Nyskohus, Melta, Muniz, J. Nyskohus, Northcote, Barnes.

Referee: T. Davies (NSW); **crowd:** 3000; **cautions:** Yzendoorn, Tansey, Dodds, Russell.

Adelaide City relinquished its hold on the Philips Cup by making a mess of the penalty showdown after it had dominated play for most of the 120 minutes of football in the semifinal against Heidelberg.

The Adelaide players bickered over who should take the penalties and, after John Nyskohus fell in a heap in the next three with John Perin and Agenor Muniz hitting the framework and Colin Barnes shooting straight at Olver.

Heidelberg's Len McKendry had prepared better for the situation by appointing the penalty takers in order before the kick-off.

Thus each player lined up for the spot kick with the minimum of fuss and Gary Cole, Jamie Paton and John Yzendoorn converted the penalties with clinical efficiency.

But really, the match should have never reached the penalty drama for Adelaide were much the superior side overall and created the better scoring chances in the game.

Agenor Muniz had a superb second half and with his prompting the players lined up for pots at goal.

In the 48th minute he squared the ball for Melta who had a clear run for goal.

However, the young midfielder shot too early when he could have made further ground.

Seven minutes later Muniz shielded the ball impeccably making ground down the right before slipping the ball inside for Barnes, whose shot on the turn forced Jeff Olver into a fine save.

McKendry conceded after the match that the second half caused him some concern with the way Adelaide ran at Heidelberg and were getting past his defenders.

— Peter Desira

THIS WEEK THAT WAS...

Sydney City's squad worries continue: neither Boden nor Mullen is totally fit for Sunday's game while Trenter faces a certain suspension.

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Eddie Thomson, Sydney City: "Sure, we didn't play as well as we can but without Mullen, O'Connor (sick) and with the half-fit Boden, I couldn't expect much more."

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Jim Kriaris, Footscray: "I'm happy with the point — but we should have got both. Why did the referee add almost six minutes extra time to the game?"

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Footscray goalie Denis Boland: "Trenter hit me several times during the game. Even after he had been sent off, he gave me one more punch just under the eye, right in front of the referee."

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Blacktown's Mick Jones: "We set out to gain a draw — I'm absolutely delighted with this win which makes us quite safe now."

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John Brown, Canberra: "Playing with 10 men practically the whole match, I think the boys did rather well."

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Canberra's squad didn't even include star striker Sebastian Giampaolo; rumors have it that he may not stay with the club next term.

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Bill Pirie was roundly abused at halftime by the irate Leichhardt fans — then, having scored two match-winners, was affectionately patted on the back at the end.

★ ★ ★

Billy Birch's triumphant run came to a shattering halt last weekend when his State League team Croatia went down 0-3 to Para Hills in the Coca-Cola Cup final on Saturday and Westad lost 0-2 to Adelaide City on Sunday.

FIRST DIVISION

Belmore, lying third last from the bottom of the table is the only stumbling block that could stop Polonia from winning promotion to State League next season.

Polonia, on 35 points, are one point ahead of Wollongong and Bathurst and will be under tremendous pressure when they face Belmore at Chopin Park on Sunday.

A defeat will mean goodbye to promotion and dropping a point could involve a three-way playoff as both Wollongong and Bathurst are playing well enough to win their games.

Against Blacktown United, Polonia led 2-0 at half-time but were involved in a see-saw struggle in the second half with Bob Wisniewski scoring the winning goal only minutes from the end.

They also lost experienced stopper Bobby Hardy who was kicked in the head and had to be replaced.

Wollongong won their double-header matches against Penrith and Sydney City scoring three goals in each game.

For the first time David Jirsa, the talented winger, was in the Wollongong side after a long spell with injury.

Paul Scheinflug missed a penalty against Bathurst and the champions finally went down to a determined side which still has some hope of promotion.

Blacktown City, in the top four for most of the season has dropped out of the race and technically have only a small chance of playing in the semis.

However, St. George, who lost their composure some weeks back, are now strongly entrenched in the top four and are likely to be in the semis with all their three teams.

They could succeed where they failed last season.

The Saints were one goal down against Yugal when John Clarke scored, but late goals by Beartow and Johnson gave them two points to claim the third spot.

Revesby dropped out of calculations with a scoreless draw against Belmore. Sydney City, who also played a double header beat University 2-1, all goals coming from penalties and with University missing another one.

MARCONI v BATHURST 0-2

Marconi: Veneri, Swain, Colderan, Masonwells, Morson, Dulisse (Dickson), Colusso, Stark, Scheinflug, Polzot (Kelly), Tomasich. **Coach:** L. Nesti.
Bathurst: Coles, Bulloch, G. Hadley, G. Pickup, Lipoldiven, Waine, A. Pickup, Dwyer, Judge, Alexander (Ashelford), P. Hadley. **Coach:** J. Judge.
Goals: Waine, Bullock.

UNI of NSW v SYD CITY 1-2

Uni of NSW: Galen, Hughes, Tomasich, Wren, Popovich, Harris, Kay, Kelly, Austin, Karwaj, Benecke. **Coach:** R. Harbour.
Syd City: Berry, Sorge, Rogers, Woods, Svynos, Killey, C. Spanos, Borges, Henry, Lee, Milidinski (Agnanastopoulos). **Coach:** D. Hoggart.
Goals: Karwaj; Borges, Svynos.

BLACKTOWN UTD v POLONIA 3-4

Blacktown Utd: Warren, Miller, Eldridge, Young, Hannish, Svarc, Crone, Clarke, De Valle, Taylor, Milakovic. **Coach:** D. Zeman.
Polonia: Greenfield, Harris, Svigelj, R. Budini, Hardy (O'Donovan), Crowthers, Wisniewski, Strzelecki, A. Budini, McRory (Maitre), Illingworth. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.
Goals: Taylor (2), De Valle; A. Budini (2), Wisniewski (2).

REVESBY v BELMORE 0-0

Revesby: J. Cabone, Larkins, Hargreaves, T. Cabone, Pittman, Butler, Morrow, Gill, Mackin (Parkinson), McGovern, Mitford. **Coach:** L. Dobbin.
Belmore: Hawthorne, Martin, Cruger, Vergos, Lambert, De Mestre, Franks, Buhagiar, Reynolds, Kirwin, Billinghurst. **Coach:** O. Klaus.

ST. GEORGE v YUGAL 2-1

St. George: Wotton, Skeen, Holmik, Scharlegger, Smith, Beartow, Johnson, Morlando, Dredge, Tuntevski, Fraser. **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.
Yugal: Kostidis, Cummings, Radivojavic, Grubic, Clarke, Novakovic, J. Alagich, Mihailovic, O'Brien, Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac
Goals: Beartow, Johnson; Clarke.

LEICHHARDT v BLACKTOWN CITY 3-1

Leichhardt: Hoare, Pizzone, Brown, Gaitatzis, Casachia, Watt, Gray, Triantafyllou, Savidis, Samuels, De Ciglie (Zaccomer). **Coach:** C. Van Bierk.
Blacktown City: Freeman, Cuff, Frost, Pina, Blundell, Dolton, B. Campbell, Manning Landon, Batten, Quarmby. **Coach:** A. Edmondson.
Goals: Samuels (2), Gray; Dolton.

WOLLONGONG v SYD CITY 3-0

Wollongong: Vardereff, Montecchi (Vliestra), Talevski, Campbell, R. Sattin, H. Sattin, Petrovski, Bingham, Giraldi (Terziovski), Fontana, Jirsa. **Coach:** M. Johnson.
Syd City: Berry, Sorge, Gomez, Woods, Fonseca, Patikas, C. Spanos, Henry, Lee, Milidinski, Killey. **Coach:** D. Hoggart.
Goals: Fontana (2), Giraldi.

WOLLONGONG v PENRITH 3-0

Wollongong: Vardereff, Vliestra, Talevski, Campbell, R. Sattin, H. Sattin, Petrovski, Bingham, Giraldi, Fontant (Terziovski), Jirsa. **Coach:** M. Johnson.
Penrith: Kristic, Cudihy, Gaskin, Hobart, Dunn, Hackney, Condon, G. Beamer, M. Beamer (Lewis), Anderson, G. Thoms. **Coach:** S. Ackerley.
Goals: Fontana, Campbell, H. Sattin.

MELITA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3-1

Melita turned on their best football performance of the season to down Olympic in front of a State League record crowd and win the State League title.

For the Eagles it was the first major soccer honor and the biggest achievement since the club started competition in the mid 50s.

It was also a tremendous triumph for coach Atti Abonyi who bagged his fourth successive State League title.

The banner carrying crowd of just under 7000 set the mood right for Melita who, from the outset, went for the kill with some superbly skilful football which brought huge roars from the crowd.

John Stoddart and Ray Farrugia spearheaded the Melita assault from midfield but Farrugia also had the task of blotting the clever Houseln Housseni out of the game which he so effectively executed.

Stoddart started the rout early when his corner kick in the third minute was deflected to the unmarked Williams whose 10 metre cannonball nearly tore the net.

Stoddart, heaving and weaving through the Olympic defence made it 2-0 with a superb placement just away of Gary Meier's outstretched finger tips to give Melita a commanding half-time lead.

The test for the new champions came after the interval, when Olympic turned on its power soccer which put enormous pressure on the Melita defence.

The back four of Phil Mikas, Mike Berry, Steve McDonald and Vernon Darvill was absolutely impregnable under pressure giving Terry Greedy blanket protection from the Olympic snarpshooters.

With the minutes ticking away Brian Parker slotted in another goal from a breakaway attack and then it was left for replacement Clive Eaton to score Olympic's consolation goal.

MELITA: Greedy 4, Berry 4, McDonald 4, Darvill 5, Mikas 4, Juchniewicz 4, Williams 4, Farrugia 5, Allan 4, Stoddart 4, Parker 4.

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, Laing 4, Palmer 3, Wilson 4, Rowden 4, McPherson 3, Jennings 3 (Eaton 59m), Smith 4, Housenl 3, Scott 4, Hensman 4.

Goals: 1-0 Williams (3m), 2-0 Stoddart (35m), 3-0 Parker (88m), 3-1 Eaton (89m).
Referee: T. Davies; **crowd:** 6820.

— C. Spiteri

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NSW STATE LEAGUE

ATTI WANTS TO KEEP WINNING

— By Paul James —

Melita clinched the 1980 premiership in style last week with a spectacular 3-1 win over their main challengers for the whole season, Olympic.

After 25 years of empty cupboard space, Melita have a trophy, thanks largely to the efforts of the mercurial Atti Abonyi.

Following a brilliant playing career in which he won and did just about everything in Australian soccer, Abonyi has now confirmed himself as one of the most astute coaches in the country.

Working with what at times has been only modest material he has produced a team that plays what the Melita fans have always yearned for: attractive, pretty, attacking soccer.

And they did this by transferring to PSL clubs their alleged six best players: Yamine, Ververis, Griffith, D. Smith, Hadley and McAusland...

Melita won more matches than anyone else this year (20) and lost fewer (3), while scoring 44 goals and conceeding only 13 — by far the best defensive record in the league.

This week they would dearly love to crown their premiership title by beating the holders, Croatia — Abonyi's previous club.

It should be a match every bit as exciting and tense as last week's game, and is certain to attract a big crowd to King Tomislav.

Melita have been preparing both physchologically and physically so well that we just can't see them losing their stride at this stage.

We predict a 2-0 win to Melita.

Olympic officials were understandably distressed last week after losing the title to Melita, but they still have their eyes set on the Grand Final and the Championship trophy.

Although Auburn can catch Olympic on points if they win and Olympic loses, the scores in both games would have to be astronomical to ruin Olympic's superb goal difference of 30.

As this is unlikely to happen we think Olympic will be in second spot at the end of Sunday afternoon.

Olympic play Bankstown in their last match.

Bankstown look safe from relegation despite their loss last week to Canterbury.

The Olympic lads should be fired up and ready to make certain they are in a good frame of mind for the semis **and we tip a healthy win over the Town, 3-0.**

Inter Monaro left their run for the top four far too late and now find they will have to cool their heels for the summer.

Canterbury are playing with far more composure now and Neil Williams is part of the reason behind their confidence.

With a powerful strike force up front we tip **Canterbury to beat Monaro by the odd goal in a 2-1 win.**

Parramatta's relegation worries are not over and they will have to get at least a point in this match against Avala to be safe.

Avala's dream of a top four place was shattered in Queanbeyan, even though it was slim before the loss to Monaro.

They have a fine side, but their old lack of consistency is the big stumbling block.

We tip a 1-1 result.

Manly play Sutherland in the last round and, like Parramatta, they need a point to avoid the big drop.

Both teams have a high proportion of youngsters, though in Sutherland's case it has been forced upon them through injuries.

Manly's need for points and the better experience of their players could prove decisive in their favour **and we tip a win to Manly 2-1.**

North Sydney have had a great season and have shown that the first season up need not be a struggle, just like Monaro proved two years ago.

Their aggressive, direct style has provided some of the biggest upsets of the year and hoisted them to fifth place.

In fact it wouldn't surprise if Norths took a point from **Auburn and we tip a 2-2 draw.**

The prospect of relegation is staring Ku-ring-gai square in the face and this week they play the unpredictable Arncliffe, so anything could happen.

They undoubtedly have the players to do it, but then Arncliffe have the class to inflict another crushing defeat on the northsiders.

Our prediction is that Ku-ring-gai will lose and so unfortunately be relegated.

We tip a 2-0 win for Arncliffe.

CANTERBURY v BANKSTOWN 3-2 (2-0)

In a spine-tingling finish Canterbury scrambled home by one goal after leading by three clear goals only 12 minutes from time.

The win gave Canterbury fourth spot on the table as they lead Monaro by three points with only one match to play.

It was a good looking Canterbury that went ahead in the 31st minute with a simple goal by Craig Hall.

The second one 10 minutes later was a gem when George Barboutis sent Hall a perfect through pass and Hall ran through the defence to place the ball past the advancing 'keeper.

Hall completed his well-earned hat-trick in the 72nd minute when Thamnides made a fine run down the right.

His cross went to Basterfield who smashed it against the crossbar and Hall was in position to crash home the rebound.

Suddenly Bankstown took the initiative and goals by substitute Thompson and Beater in the 78th and 80th minutes shocked Canterbury.

They looked to be in danger but their captain and master midfielder Neil Williams pulled them together and they were attacking again in the final minutes.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 3, G. Brown 4, Laws 3, Penman 3, Barboutis 3, Williams 5, Hall 4, Basterfield 4, R. Brown 3, Byles 3, Thamnides 4 (Kable 88m).

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 3, Beveridge 3, Beater 3, Van Bruinessen 3, Lynch 4, Peck 2 (Thompson 67m), Williams 3, King 3, Rea 3, Daley 2 (Lembryk 46), Fergusson 4.

Goals: 1-0 Hall (31m), 2-0 Hall (41m), 3-0 Hall (72m), 3-1 Thompson (78m), 3-2 Beater (80m).
Referee: B. Wilkinson; **crowd:** 456; **cautions:** Hall, Van Bruinessen.

— E. DeMesquita

MONARO v AVALA 2-1 (0-0)

This incident packed match saw Avala's chances of a top four spot vanish when Monaro continued its recent fine form by winning convincingly.

After a fairly even first half, in which both teams created scoring chances, Monaro wrapped up the game during a five-minute spell just after the re-start.

First Maoro Valeri fired a powerful shot from 18 metres which roared into the top right hand corner of the net.

Five minutes later Bob Noble's header from Heywood's freekick thundered against the underside of the bar and went in.

The Avala players were adamant the ball had not crossed the line, but referee Bob Mee and his linesman had no hesitation in awarding the goal.

The tenseness of the match was highlighted by the fact that Mee issued five yellow cards, all in the second half.

Avala had to wait until five minutes from the end for their goal when Karanfilovski beat Crawford and crossed to Till who smashed the ball home from five metres.

MONARO: Antonopoulos 4, Crawford 4, Charles 4, Noble 4, Santolin 4, Lawler 4, Arquero 3, M. Valeri 4 (Falzon 80m), Link 4, Heywood 3, Reis 3.

AVALA: Ahrens 4, Patterson 3, Deller 4, Barton 4, Pilovski 3, Nilya 3, Brown 3 (Kodor 76m), Czolnowski 4, Till 4, Redic 3, Karanfilovski 3.

Goals: 1-0 Valeri (48m), 2-0 Noble (53m), 2-1 Till (85m).
Referee: R. Mee; **crowd:** 1058; **cautions:** Heywood, Karanfilovski, Crawford, Pilovski, Charles.

— J. Chiera

CROATIA v ARNCLIFFE 3-3 (1-3)

Croatia shared the points with Arncliffe in a thrilling match that had plenty of action and a glut of goals.

Arncliffe dominated the first half and looked certain to run away with the match after amassing a handy two-goal lead.

But it was Croatia who took the lead for the first time in the match.

In the 17th minute Culina met Sullivan's cross and headed home from close range.

Twelve minutes later Bulloch drew the Scots level when his low 12-metre drive beat Terziovski after Basic couldn't properly clear the ball.

Within three minutes Arncliffe went further ahead when Montgomery sent a 15-metre drive into the net, then Bulloch added a third after some close inter-passing with Tracey.

In the second period Croatia stormed back into the match and Culina scored his second after 50 minutes.

Marijan Kovacic made it 3-3 with his 80th minute goal after two previous shots had been blocked off the line.

CROATIA: Terziovski 3, Sterry 4, Vidalc 3, Basic 3, Gruicic 3, Culina 5, Coleman 4, Savor 3, M. Kovacic 3, Kafka 4, Sullivan 4.

ARNCLIFFE: Hoszowski 3, Ramisch 3, Oldham 4, Butcher 3, Ainslie 4, Lee 4, Wignall 3, Hooper 3 (Martin 87m), Montgomery 3, Bulloch 5, Tracey 4.

Goals: 1-0 Culina (17m), 1-1 Bulloch (29m), 1-2 Montgomery (32m), 1-3 Bulloch (37m), 2-3 Culina (50m), 3-3 Kovacic (80m).
Referee: B. Fowler; **crowd:** 2150; **cautions:** Wignall, Basic.

— G. Streeter

AUBURN v SUTHERLAND 3-1 (2-0)

The scoreline doesn't give a very flattering judgement of Sutherland's efforts in this game, for though they lost convincingly, they could so easily have gained a point.

Sutherland again fronted up with a depleted line-up, having only three regulars in the side.

Auburn weren't in a generous mood, however, and after 40 minutes defeat stared Sutherland in the face.

In the 21st minute McCulloch scored Auburn's first goal, while McCrannor netted the second just before the break.

Tony Bush hit back for the Sharks after the break, and Sutherland looked as if they could well get a point.

But with the team pushing more and more forward the inevitable happened and Ross nipped in to steal a third goal right on the bell.

AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, McCoy 4, Fairclough 3, Dobson 3, McMillan 4, McDonald 4, Gibson 3, McCulloch 4, McCrannor 3, Martinez 3, Ross 3.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 3, Watkins 3, Holman 3, Groome 3, Williams 3, Meades 3, Murphy 3, Harrington 3, Bush 4, Connors 3, Rogers 3.

Goals: 1-0 McCulloch (21m), 2-0 McCrannor (40m), 2-1 Bush (52m), 3-1 Ross (90m).
Referee: H. Witschge; **crowd:** 560

— M. Wilkes

MANLY v KU-RING-GAI 2-0 (0-0)

Despite the experience of Frank Malone on the field and Eric Worthington on the bench, deputising as coach for the afternoon, Ku-ring-gai had no answer to the go ahead policy of Manly.

They rained shots on Antman's goal with glee and could well have had more than two goals.

As it was, they had to settle for two, both coming in the second half.

The first fell to Vale in the 60th minute when that deadliest of weapons — the near post corner — was used with deadly effect.

Jack fired the ball in and Vale ran to meet it, sending the ball flashing past Antman from close range.

Fifteen minutes later it was all over when a freekick just outside the box was blasted goalwards by Jack.

The ball rebounded to Stuart, some 10 metres from goal, and he had no trouble converting the shot.

Both goalkeepers made some fine saves, while on the field Doyle and Townsend for Manly and Herron and Lavin for Ku-ring-gai were outstanding.

MANLY: Dower 4, Wilson 3, Doyle 4, Townsendd 4, Burchett 3, Riley 3 (Hardaker 70m), Jack 3, Dick 4, Vale 4, Firrell 4, Stuart 4.

KU-RING-GAI: Antman 4, Wheatley 3, Malone 3, Robertson 3, Martin 3, McGill 3, Vousden 3, Worthington 3, Hero Herron 4, Lavin 4, Jones 3.

Goals: 1-0 Vale (60m), 2-0 Stuart (75m).
Referee: G. Power; **crowd:** 500; **caution:** Doyle.

— M. Renwick

STATE LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER 21

CANTERBURY	V	MONARO	SUN., ARLINGTON OV.
BANKSTOWN	V	OLYMPIC	SUN., SOCCER CENTRE
PARRAMATTA	V	AVALA	SUN., GARSIDE PARK
MANLY	V	SUTHERLAND	SUN., CROMER PARK
CROATIA	V	MELITA	SUN., KING TOMISLAV
NTH. SYDNEY	V	AUBURN	SUN., LAMBERT PARK
KURINGAI	V	ARNCLIFFE	SUN., PARKLANDS

Revesby Wkrs	v	St. George	Sun., Milperra Reserve
Polonia	v	Belmore	Sun., Chopin Park
Penrith Utd	v	Blacktown U.	Sun., Cook Park
Sydney City	v	Wollongong U.	Sun., Syd. Ath. Field
Blacktown City	v	Uni. of NSW	Sun., Gabbie Stadium
S.S.C. Yugal	v	Marconi F'field	Sun., Concord Oval
Bathurst '75	v	Warringah	Sun., Bathurst Show G.

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

STATE LEAGUE FINALS
Third v Fourth

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No arrangements as yet

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OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• *There is a possibility that Nottingham and West Bromwich will exchange their central strikers, Gary Birtles and Cyrille Regis.*

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• *Italian international Pulici wants to leave AC Torino unless he gets a firm assurance that he will play in the first team.*

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• *Valencia of Spain may sign an Argentinian player from the small Mar del Plata club, Kimberley whose only claim to fame is that during the 1978 World Cup they loaned their shirts to France who had forgotten to bring along their alternate strip. The player in question has the difficult name of Ricardo Albisbeascoeha.*

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• *The final of the unofficial Intercontinental Cup between Nacional of Uruguay and Nottingham Forest may be played in Los Angeles where a promoter has offered $500,000 to the two clubs to stage the match and sell it for TV.*

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• *Pele has tried to talk Beckenbauer out of returning to Germany. "I must go," Beckenbauer replied, "I want to play once more in a real soccer atmosphere before my retirement."*

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• *The latest Nottingham crisis surrounds Scottish winger John Robertson who is demanding a new contract or wants to be transfer-listed.*

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• *Brazilian international Socrates, 27, has told his club, Corinthians, that unless he receives $350,000 for a two year contract, he retires and devotes his time to his profession — he is a doctor of medicine.*

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• *Attendances fell sharply in Scotland last season. A newspaper survey has shown that fans want summer soccer, smaller leagues and better facilities — so the Scottish FA decided to do nothing for the 1980-81 season . . .*

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• *Further to the Dario Felman-case: FIFA has officially decreed that for an international appearance a player must play at least 45 minutes in any given match.*

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• *According to an agreement involving the nine EEC countries, the maximum transfer fee for a player moving from one country to another is $1,200,000 — what Juventus paid for Liam Brady.*

• *In a friendly international in Basel, West Germany beat Switzerland 3-2.*

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• *Albania beat Finland 2-0 in a World Cup elimination match held in Tirana.*

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• *In the last championship match of his club, Ujpest, Hungarian international star Andras Torocsik was sent off for dissent.*

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• *Beckenbauer's farewell match in New York will be staged on September 24.*

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• *Herbert Neumann, FC Koln's West German international (6 caps) has been signed by Wolverhampton Wanderers.*

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• *Tele Santana, Brazil's manager, will announce next month his squad for the Little World Cup tournament in Uruguay in December.*

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• *In a special tournament in memory of the late Real Madrid president Santiago Bernabeu, Bayern Munchen triumphed, beating Real on penalties in the final, after a 1-1 fulltime score with Kiev Dynamo finishing third and Benfica fourth. The final was seen by 120,000 fans.*

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• *In Reykjavik, the USSR beat Iceland 2-1 in a World Cup match.*

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• *East Germany and Czechoslovakia will play a friendly on October 8 — a sort of replay of the recent Olympic final.*

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• *"Brazilian soccer is in a crisis and I'm not sure whether we can solve our problems by 1982," says star striker Zico.*

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• *The Swedish FF Malmo has signed an Englishman, Paul McKinnon, from the non-League club Sutton.*

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• *AC Milan's veteran Fabio Capello, 34, has decided to retire and accepted an offer to coach the club's top junior teams.*

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• *The Austrian Prohaska has made a dream debut with his new club, Inter Milan: he scored a hat-trick in Inter's 5-2 win over Monchengladbach.*

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• *Atletico Madrid hope to sign Brazilian winger Jair from Porto Alegre in exchange for their disenchanted defender Luis Pereira.*

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• *Braunschweig's Yugoslav striker Danilo Popivoda may have to retire from soccer because of a serious nerve disorder in his eyes.*

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• *And we criticise our large committees . . . Brazil's Flamengo club has a Consulting Board with 300 members. Some Sydney clubs would like to have that many spectators.*

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• *Argentinos Juniors, the small Buenos Aires club of Maradona, are asking and getting $100,000 per friendly game. Two years ago they would have gone for $2,000. As a matter of interest, Argentina's going rate is "only" $75,000.*

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• *Nottingham's injured striker Trevor Francis has just had a book published — "Anatomy of a $2 million player."*

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WORLD NEWS

Dates of big matches

Some of our lucky readers travel quite a bit and, when they go to Europe, understandibly they would like to see some top soccer.

So they phone us for the dates of the various matches.

Here, once again, are the schedules. We suggest that when you plan to travel, cut it out and keep it as we are unable to respond to all telephone inquiries.

F.A. CUP

1st Round — November 22
2nd Round — December 13
3rd Round — January 3
4th Round — January 24
5th Round — February 14
6th Round — March 7
Semi-Finals — April 11
FINAL — May 9

LEAGUE CUP

3rd Round — September 24
4th Round — October 29
5th Round — December 3
Semi-Final, 1st-leg — Jan 14
Semi-Final, 2nd-leg — Feb 11
FINAL — March 14

EUROPEAN CUP

1st Round, 2nd-leg — Oct 1
2nd Round, 1st-let — Oct 22
2nd Round, 2nd-leg — Nov 5
Quarter-Finals, 1st-leg — March 4
Quarter-finals, 2nd-leg — March 18

Semi-Finals, 1st-leg — April 8
Semi-Finals, 2nd-leg — April 22
FINAL — May 27

France's world cup star Michel Platini (right).

HOLLAND IN CRASH

England, brilliantly led by Mariner, McDermott and Woodcock and even without the injured Keegan, Wilkins and Brooking, scored an impressive 4-0 win over Norway in a World Cup elimination match at Wembley.

The same day in Stockholm, Scotland, with a goal by Strachan, beat the ailing Sweden 1-0.

The real upset came in Dublin where Ireland, trailing 1-0 at halftime, beat Holland 2-1, Daly and Lawrenson getting the Irish goals and Tahamata the Dutch one.

In Luxembourg, after a scoreless first half, the Yugoslavs romped in 5-0 with Susic, Petrovic and Vujovic (2) plus an own goal shaping the final result.

PROLIFIC CHINAGLIA

Cosmos are the favourites for the NASL championships.

In the quarterfinals they beat Tulsa Roughnecks 8-1 — with Chinaglia getting 7 of the goals.

Causing quite a surprise, last year's champions, Vancouver Whitecaps have been eliminated by Seattle Sounders.

The semifinal pairings — National Conference: Dallas Tornado v Cosmos, Seattle v Los Angeles Aztecs; American Conference: Edmonton Drillers v Fort Lauderdale Strikers, Tampa Bay Rowdies v San Diego.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

1st Round, 2nd-leg — Oct 1
2nd Round, 1st-leg — Oct 22
2nd Round, 2nd-leg — Nov 5
Quarter-Finals, 1st-leg — March 4
Quarter-Finals, 2nd-leg — March 18
Semi-Finals, 1st-leg — April 8
Semi-Finals, 2nd-leg — April 22
FINAL — May 13

U.E.F.A. CUP

1st Round, 2nd-leg — Oct 1
2nd Round, 1st-leg — Oct 22
2nd Round, 2nd-leg — Nov 5
3rd Round, 1st-leg — Nov 26
3rd Round, 2nd-leg — Dec 10
Quarter Finals, 1st-leg — March 4
Quarter-Finals, 2nd-leg — March 18
Semi-Finals, 1st-leg — April 8
Semi-Finals, 2nd-leg — April 22
FINAL, 1st-leg — May 6
FINAL, 2nd-leg — May 20

WORLD CUP

October 15 —
Eire v. Belgium
N. Ireland v. Sweden
Scotland v. Portugal
Rumania v. England
Wales v. Turkey
October 28 —
France v. Eire
November 19 —
Eire v. Cyprus
Wales v. Czechoslovakia
Portugal v. N. Ireland
England v. Switzerland
1981
February 25 —
Israel v. Scotland
March 25 —
Scotland v. N. Ireland
April 29 —
N. Ireland v. Portugal
Scotland v. Israel
England v. Rumania
May 30 —
Switzerland v. England
June 3 —
Sweden v. N. Ireland
June 6 —
Hungary v. England

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

May 16 —
N. Ireland v. England
Wales v. Scotland
May 19 —
Scotland v. N. Ireland
May 20 —
England v. Wales
May 22 —
N. Ireland v. Wales
May 23 —
England v. Scotland

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